

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

v.

KENNETH CIAPALA,

Defendant.

**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL**

Case No.19-cr-874

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I, Brandon C. Thompson, declare and state as follows:

1. On May 3, 2021, I filed a Notice of Appearance (Doc. No. 37) on behalf of Defendant Kenneth Ciapala.
2. As of April 27, 2022, I will no longer be affiliated with Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP. Therefore, and pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 1.2 and Local Civil Rule 1.4, I respectfully request that the Court withdraw my individual appearance as counsel for Mr. Ciapala.
3. Defendant shall continue to be represented by the remaining counsel of record from Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP, Sean Hecker and Mike Ferrara.
4. This withdrawal will not affect this action in any way, including the posture of the case and the calendar; nor will it prejudice the Government. I am not asserting a retaining or charging lien.

Dated: April 27, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Brandon C. Thompson
Brandon C. Thompson